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1. The Guided Missile Branch has begun to contribute on a regular basis, memoranda on current air-to-surface missile activity to the OSI Scientific Intelligence Digest and the monthly status report of the DD/I Coordinator for Guided Missiles Intelligence. The first SID article was not credited to ORR. It is planned to request a credit line in future issues.

2. I/GM is also preparing preliminary cost and production estimates of selected possible Soviet missile programs in support of the Net Evaluations Subcommittee of the NSC. It appears that the cost of these programs will be higher than that shown in previous estimates, although not beyond the capability of the USSR to attain.

3. I/GM is preparing a briefing on the problems of collecting intelligence on guided missiles production to be given by the Chairman of GMIC to selected members of the NSC.

4. D/I branches are planning to participate in the following conferences with representatives of other intelligence services in the near future:

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- a. I/EE. [REDACTED]
tentatively 15-17 October; possibly to be
deferred to January 1959 at [REDACTED] request. 25X1X7
- b. I/ME. Land Armaments Conference, [REDACTED] 25X1X7
27-31 October.
- c. I/SE. Shipbuilding Conference, [REDACTED] 25X1X7
17-19 November.
- d. I/AR. Sixth Annual [REDACTED] Aircraft Production Conference,
Ottawa, 14-21 October. 25X1X7

5. The Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) is interested in further discussion of the machine processing of guided missiles intelligence data and is sending representatives to ORR to consider this problem on 9-10 September.

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6. Several DD/I members have received the impression from conversations and inquiries from AFCIN that the Air Force is exhibiting a growing interest and activity in military economic intelligence in general and military costing in particular. This may be the result of the recent change in command of the Assistant Chief of Staff of Intelligence of the Air Force.

7. The Industrial Division has been instrumental by collaboration with St/I and OOR liaison in obtaining distribution to OOR through Army channels of 66th CIC reports on the East German economy which previously were available for Background Use Only from the [REDACTED] Measures are also being taken to remove the restriction of such reports previously received from the Strategic Division. 25X1A6a

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